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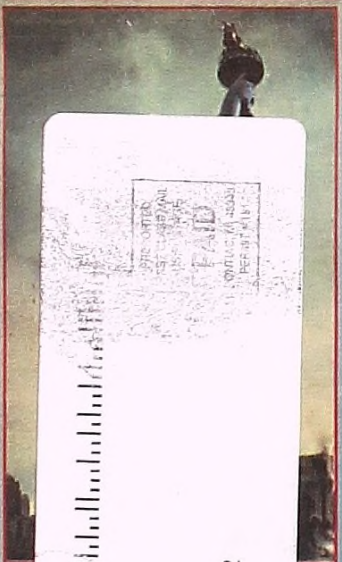
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Schools consider trimester course work

Molly Tippen
Staff Writer

A move to convert the Romulus High School class schedule from a traditional semester system to a trimester configuration appears headed toward approval.

Board of education members listened to a presentation by Dan Hurst, the principal of Romulus High School, regarding the benefits of making such a move at their regular meeting last week. According to Superintendent of Schools Carl Weiss, the information was well-received by the board.

"There's quite a few reasons we started looking at trimesters for students," he said. "One is that high school requirements have

changed, it may be a better way to make sure students meet those requirements and still have the ability to take electives and career-training courses."

In western Wayne County, and in other areas, trimesters are becoming more commonplace.

In the past year, several districts have either implemented trimesters or resolved to devise a plan for the 2008-09 school year. The districts of Garden City, Westwood, Dearborn 7, Trenton and Lincoln Park implemented trimesters this year, according to district research.

New graduation requirements implemented by the state this year left little leeway for students focusing on specific academic programming such as career and technical train-

ing. The new requirements include four years of math, and increased coursework in English, and science.

Weiss said CTE (Career and Technical Education) students, who often spend much of their day in specialized training such as culinary arts, building trades or cosmetology.

"They were affected by the curriculum changes more than other students, but this gives other students an opportunity to take more electives as well," he said.

Some of those opportunities – because students' schedules will change more often – include a reduced course load at any given time. Students would be able to focus on five

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Address highlights progress

Molly Tippen
Staff Writer

Battling a cold that sidelined him for several days, Mayor Alan Lambert gave his annual "State of the City" address last week.

The speech took place at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Romulus on Jan. 15. The goal of the address is to inform residents about progress and obstacles faced by the city government and community during the previous year, and to look forward to developments in the current year.

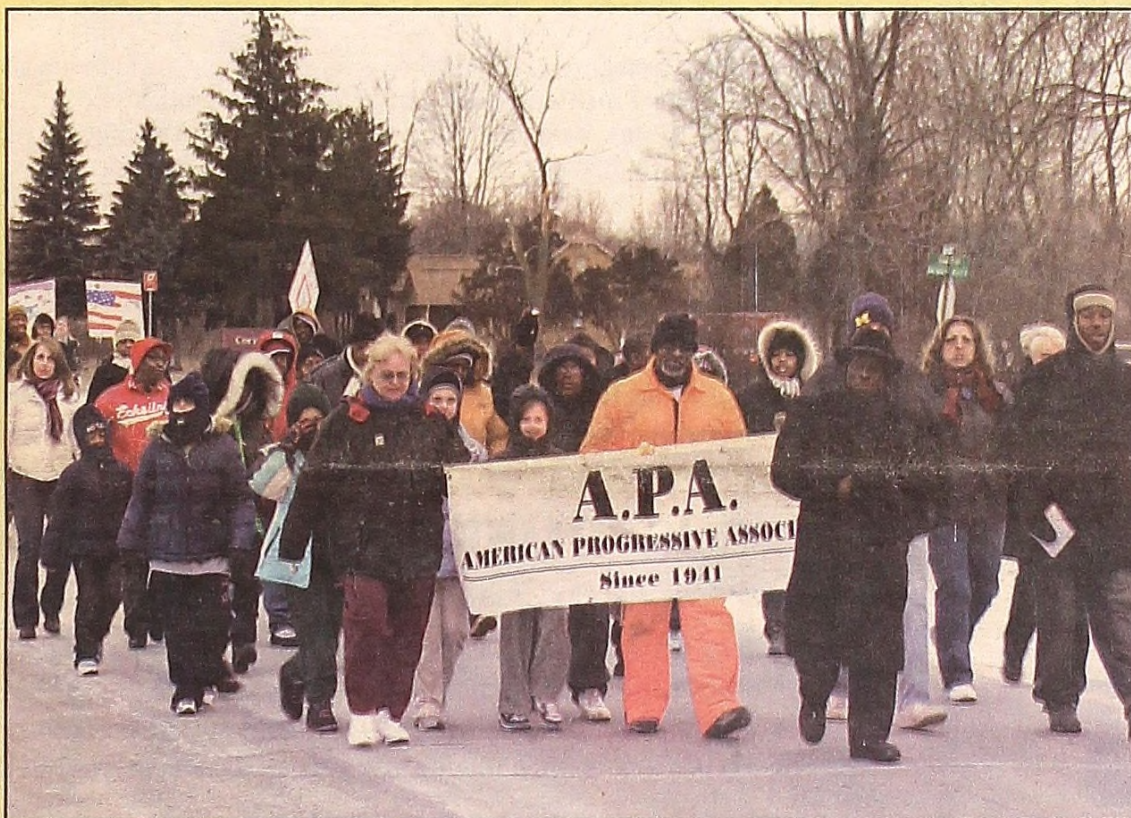
"It would be very easy for me to stand before you today and simply say Romulus is strong," he said. "Our city is growing. We have weathered many storms and are bigger and better than ever."

"All of that would be true – we have much more on our plate when we speak of the condition of our community in these times," he added.

Last year was difficult for the city in terms of development, but Lambert said the city is prepared for such setbacks.

"It is our vision and determination to bring an Indian casino and entertainment center to the City of Romulus," he said. "A couple of years ago I went to Washington to testify before Congress in this effort. I was told at that time this would be a long and arduous process."

"We will continue to work with our Native American friends to bring this project to



The symbolic walk from Cory School to Romulus High School went off without a hitch, despite the cold this year.

King event gets bigger in 2008

Molly Tippen
Staff Writer

Despite bitterly cold temperatures Monday morning, a record number of people met at Cory Elementary School for a symbolic walk to remember the life of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

The joint city-schools ceremony and walk, which is now

in the ninth year, set an attendance record this year, according to the Rev. Arthur Willis, who heads a committee to organize the walk.

"I was surprised that this many people came out to walk given the weather," he said. "But there's a lot going on this year – it's an election year, and there have been some stories in the news – like the golf mag-

azine that had a picture of a noose on it – and I think it galvanized the community."

In total, about 400 people joined the walk, and about 700 residents, officials and other interested parties packed the auditorium at Romulus High School to learn more about Dr. King, and hear a speaker who took part in civil rights activities alongside Dr. King in the

Romulus voters are 'uncommitted'

Molly Tippen
Staff Writer

The best way to describe voters filing into the 19 voting precincts in Romulus for the

presidential primary last week is "uncommitted."

When the votes were tallied by the Romulus City Clerk's staff on Jan. 15, the number of people checking the uncommitted box

only slightly outpaced the number of votes cast for Democrats listed on the ballot.

Of the 3,237 ballots cast, 1,195

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Court allows recall of legislator to proceed

Lester L. Holmes, Jr.
Staff Writer

The process to recall State Rep. Marc Corriveau (D-Northville) from office can continue, said a Wayne County Circuit judge on Friday.

Judge William Glovian reversed an earlier decision by the Wayne County Elections Commission, which ruled that language contained in the petition to recall Corriveau along with Rep. Andy Dillon (D-Redford) and Rep. Ed Gaffney (R-Grosse Pointe Farms) "unclear" and potentially confusing to voters.

"It's a pretty good decision by the judge. The (Wayne County) Election Commission was playing politics and the judge ruled according to the Constitution," said John Hett, a Plymouth Township resident who leading

the Corriveau recall efforts.

The recall is a procedure in the Michigan State Constitution that allows citizens to remove and replace a public official before the end of his or her term of office. In order to remove Corriveau from office, recall supporters must collect approximately 10,500 signatures from registered voters residing in Plymouth, Plymouth Township, Northville, Northville Township and Wayne.

Recall supporters must submit the valid signatures to the secretary of state by May 1 in order to have the recall election in August. If recalled, it is possible for the 20th district to go without representation in Lansing until the winner of the November election is sworn into office in January 2009.

Rose Bogaert, chair of the Wayne County Taxpayers

Alliance, an organization that is providing aid and support to county recall drives, said the representatives are being recalled because of their works to raise state taxes. Gov. Jennifer Granholm approved a bipartisan measure to raise taxes in Michigan in order to balance the state budget.

"Our taxes have gone up therefore prohibiting the state's ability to economically recover," said Boegart, who also serves on the board of directors of the Michigan Taxpayers Alliance (MTA).

"Our elected officials need to be taught a lesson," said Bogaert. "They need to go now."

Corriveau said the recall effort is less about his vote to raise taxes and more about conservatives trying to regain their influence in the district.

Corriveau said MTA and for-



Rep. Marc Corriveau

mer Republican state legislator Leon Drolet, the leader of the group, are following the orders of sponsors in Washington to attack Democrats and moderate

Republicans. The MTA is assisting with 10 recall drives throughout the state.

"I'm not going to stop working hard doing what people in the district want me to do," said Corriveau, who plans to run for reelection this November. "I will not make decisions based on fear from threats led by Leon Drolet," he added.

Calls to Drolet were not returned by press time.

While the election is nine months away, Hett said the time is now to recall Corriveau from Lansing.

"It's a conservative district and (Corriveau) is not keeping up with the wishes of his district," said Hett who added that Corriveau could never again serve as 20th district representative if recalled.

"I think that's what we're looking to do," Hett said.

World bowling competition rolls into Canton Township

The largest women's sporting event in the world is coming to Canton Township, and it will provide a major economic impact to the area.

The United States Bowling Congress (USBC) will bring the Women's Championship Bowling Tournament to Superbowl on Ford Road in Canton Township. The event will

take place from April 10 to July 6 and bring in about 45,000 bowlers from the U.S. as well as places as far away as Bermuda and Australia.

Kurt Kosmowski, a spokesperson for the Detroit Sports Commission, said the event would bring a lot of revenue into the region.

"Based on what has hap-

pened in other cities, it could be in the \$40 million range," he said. "It's an enormous event. It's a very prestigious event to have in town."

It's hard to get, too. Roger Philipi, director of operations for Community Bowling Centers—of which Superbowl is a part—is also head of the Detroit Host Committee. He said he's been

trying to bring the tournament to town for several years.

"It has taken us about 10 years to get it here," he said.

The process works like that of other major sporting events. A committee pitches the community to the event organizers. First the city is chosen, and then the committee evaluates individual facilities to find out the best loca-

tion. The last time the event was in the Detroit area was 1954.

"Sometimes you have to continue to try," Philipi said.

He said he expects 9,000 teams to take part in the four-month tournament, including teams from the U.S., Australia, Canada, England, Japan, Puerto Rico, Saudi Arabia and Canada.

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Energy savings net schools conservation award

Molly Tippen
Staff Writer

Dialing down the thermostat is saving big bucks in the Romulus Community School District.

In fact, an ongoing effort to bring down the cost of energy at the six district buildings was recognized when the schools accepted an "Energy Pacesetter Award" recently.

The award is given by Energy Education Inc., a consortium with which the district partners that guides schools on how to save energy—and money—and then redirect those funds to classroom resources.

Superintendent Carl Weiss accepted the award at the Jan. 14 school board meeting. He said the district has worked hard to bring energy costs into line.

"Money spent on energy is not money we like to spend," said Weiss. "We weren't sure the partnership (with Energy

Education) was going to save money at first, but it's worked out better than we expected.

"The money we saved can now be spent on teachers and textbooks – the things we like to spend money on," Weiss added.

Since the district entered into an alliance with Energy Education 13 months ago, \$640,290 has been saved by making some simple changes, according to district numbers. That number signifies a reduction of about 30 percent in cost savings to the district.

The changes made at the district include: Educating district employees on the effect of personal energy consumption in their classrooms, dialing down the thermostat during off-hours and in the hallways, and performing regular energy audits at all facilities.

"The teachers and employees really responded well to the changes we wanted to make," Weiss said. "We asked them to

consider the effect it would have if everyone has their own coffee pot; their own mini-refrigerator, and their own microwave," he said. "So we asked that if they have a mini-fridge, to make sure it's at least half full. We also asked teachers to keep classroom doors closed – we keep it cooler in the hallways."

Also, audits – are performed at buildings to make sure employees are in compliance, and that conditions in the buildings are comfortable for staffers. Energy Education provided software the district could use to determine what the temperature should be. The same software monitors the buildings from a remote location, Weiss said.

Revising district energy policies was encouraged after a statewide recession hit about seven years ago. In Michigan, schools and other local governmental entities are struggling with finances because of continuing economic doldrums, said Weiss.

As a result, everything from energy conservation, to staffing to operational expenditures has been placed under the microscope. In the past two years, the district has had to lay off staff members to balance the \$22 million budget.

School Board President Celeste Roscoe said she's surprised the program helped save more than \$600,000.

"I thought we would do well in the first year, but I didn't think (the savings) would be that much," she said. "But it's a result of everyone working together to find ways to save money wherever we can."

Dr. William Spears, the CEO of Energy Education, lauded the achievement.

"Reaching this level of savings at this stage of the program is a significant achievement," he said. "The superintendent and the school board, along with the administration, faculty and staff members are commended for clearly fulfilling their commitment to being good stewards of the taxpayers' money and the environment."

MLK

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1960s.

The Rev. Dr. Jesse L. Douglas Sr. spoke about his time with Dr. King, and shared stories for about an hour, said Councilwoman Ellen Craig-Bragg, who is a member of the MLK Day organizing committee.

"I wish we had more time to listen to him because he had so much information," she said. "He knew so much about the beginning of the civil rights movement."

Willis said the event was well received by the people who listened to the speaker.

"We have always been lucky that we've been able to bring in speakers with a lot of knowledge, and who knew Dr. King," he said.

Martin Luther King Day has grown exponentially in Romulus in the last few years. It is now one of the largest such events in Wayne County, and is the largest organized event sponsored by city government, outside of the Pumpkin Festival.

Willis said the event would not have taken shape in the way it has if not for the participation of the city.



Attendees gathered for a pancake breakfast at the high school before the official program.

"It's normally planned by the schools, the city and the religious community in Romulus," he said. "This year, there were the schools and the city, and the Romulus Ministerial Alliance planning the entire event."

Willis said Mayor Alan Lambert's administration played a bigger role this year than ever before.

"We'd like to thank Mayor Lambert for allowing the administration to assist us," he said.

The committee begins planning the celebration in October, with a handful of meetings, but

then gets into gear in January, when weekly meetings begin, Willis said.

"After school is back in, that's when we really get into the planning," he said.

Craig-Bragg said she's also pleased with the growth of the event, and the participation of local and regional elected officials.

"We had (Wayne County Executive) Bob Ficano, Sen. (Ray) Basham and Rep. (Hoon-Yung) Hopgood attend the event this year, and all of them said a few words," she said. "All in all, things went really well this year."

Speech

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Romulus on behalf of the will of the people," he added. "In fact, we are now working with two casino groups and I am planning on going to Washington to testify again next month."

The casino deal was dealt a blow two weeks ago when the U.S. Bureau of Indian Affairs declined the Hannahville Indian tribe's application to open a casino on non-reservation land. The tribe and city said they would appeal that ruling.

The new city recreation facility also figured prominently in the address.

"I am pleased to report that our state of the art recreation center is about to open its doors. Earlier I said this has been an open door administration. The completion of this facility is a prime example," he said.

"I, along with several residents, my colleagues and some of my predecessors, have known for years that we needed a new recreation facility."

Budget constraints due to the foreclosure crisis and the pull-back of state shared revenues have also affected the city, but not as much as other communities in Wayne County, Lambert said.

"We have faced the challenge of tightening our financial belts, while providing the same level



Mayor Alan Lambert

and/or improved level of services to our residents," he said. "Most importantly, we have done this with no layoffs of city employees. While cities across Michigan are being forced to lay-off employees including police and fire—we have all pitched in to preserve our workforce, a credit to each and every city employee."

About 300 officials and residents gathered to hear the speech. Councilwoman Ellen Craig-Bragg said she felt the address was well received.

"This was clearly one of (Lambert's) better speeches," she said. "He spoke about the progress we're making in light of some difficult circumstances. I think the audience responded to the address well. He did a good job."

To read the full text of the State of the City address, visit www.journalgroup.com/romulus.

Election

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of those were uncommitted, versus 1,181 for specific candidates.

City Clerk Linda Choate said that it was difficult to compare this election turnout with others in the recent past.

"It's hard to make comparisons because we literally have not had an election like this in many years," she said. "In the past, there has usually been some sort of incumbent – be it a president or a vice president. Usually, when that happens, the other party will just hold caucus."

Currently, there are 17,240 registered voters living in Romulus. The number of ballots cast indi-

cates that about 19 percent of eligible residents made it to the polls, according to figures provided by the city.

Democratic frontrunner Hillary Clinton received 1,082 votes, versus seven for Chris Dodd, eight for Mike Gravel, and 47 for Dennis Kucinich. However, 1,195 votes were uncommitted – which indicates significant support for Sen. Barack Obama and John Edwards, who had their names removed from the Michigan ballot at the request of National Democratic Party leaders who were opposed to moving the Michigan primary date up.

As is the case in most elections in Romulus, conservative voters were a minority, with slightly more than 26 percent of voters

picking up a Republican ballot.

Michigan native Mitt Romney picked up the most Republican votes, with 302.

Former New York Mayor Rudy Guiliani received 17 votes, Gov. Mike Huckabee received 204, Duncan Hunter received one, John McCain received 211, Ron Paul received 51, TomTancredoreceived one and Fred Thompson received 37.

Candidate Sam Brownback received no votes. Thirty-one uncommitted votes were cast.

Choate said few problems occurred at the polls, and that canvassers have hit the streets to verify the results.

The current tallies are unofficial, but are expected to be ratified this week.

Classes

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courses instead of six – but those classes would change more often.

Also, under the new curriculum requirements, students have fewer chances to make up a required course if they failed it the first time out, said Weiss.

District officials and employees at the high school began researching trimesters last year. One immediate concern about trimesters is how much of a logistical problem converting the current system would cause, said Board President Celeste Roscoe.

"I had questions about this, and most of them have been answered," she said. "The biggest

problem is going to be making the change – we have some students and teachers who have worked a certain way for a long time.

Staff awareness has been one ingredient needed to make a conversion successful, Weiss said.

"We had several informational meetings," he said. "We involved the staff immediately. Some districts just decided to make a change, and didn't tell anyone until after the change was approved. We didn't want that. The staff was involved every step of the way."

Roscoe said she believes the plan will be approved once some lingering questions are answered. Weiss said he hopes to have board approval secured by February, at the latest.

OPINION

The worst of politics

Last week, a Wayne County Circuit Court judge ruled that recall efforts could continue against four state legislators—including State Rep. Marc Corriveau (D-Northville).

That means it's up to voters to end this farce.

Petitions may be circulated throughout Corriveau's district, which includes Plymouth, Northville, the City of Wayne and a portion of Canton Township to get the issue placed on the ballot. It's unlikely that Wayne residents will see any—the Democratic stronghold is largely responsible for electing Corriveau into office in the first place.

The reason for the recall is ostensibly Corriveau's decision to support a tax increase, although the one put forth by Gov. Jennifer Granholm was supported by members of both parties and Corriveau voted against the increase in the service tax—which has since been repealed, anyway.

This silly recall effort is a waste of time. It's not about taxes, either. Corriveau's district had been—until two years ago—heavily Republican. It was drawn up to ensure a Republican presence in that district. Wayne was even added in to silence the Democratic voice of that city. His victory in 2006 helped the Democrats gain control of the House of Representatives and Republicans want that seat back. That's what this is about—that and nothing else. It's just a cheap shot and bad politics.

Corriveau has said he won't let the effort deter him from running again, and he shouldn't. Whether he will have to divide his efforts to fight off a recall campaign while running for re-election at the same time remains to be seen. Corriveau laid out a successful framework for that during his first campaign, though, when the election season got a little contentious in 2006: ignore the mud and concentrate on the issues.

There's a better way for voters to indicate their displeasure in their representatives, and that's to vote for someone else the next time around. If voters in his district are that dissatisfied with his performance, we think they should still not sign the recall petition if it comes to their door. Just pick someone else.

A recall won't help anyone, except the self-serving people behind the effort.

That's (not) the spirit

Is there a problem, or not?

That's the question we have for officials in the Van Buren School District and at Belleville High School.

Claiming a need to react to several incidents at the high school, officials have canceled spirit week, rearranged the timing of basketball games and turned their focus on the behavior of students, not their education.

They have talked about fights in which intervening teachers were injured, threats of violence and suspected gang activity. They have indicated that the problems are caused by 1 percent of the student population, and yet Keith Johnston, vice-president of the school board, this week decided to pull his daughter out of the school and send her to the New Boston district.

"It's not safe there," he said of Belleville High School. "And if my son was a junior, he'd be gone, too."

Coming from a member of the school board, that quote—and action—brings up its own issues. We think Johnston should reexamine his role on the board if he thinks the high school isn't safe enough for his daughter.

So what are the Van Buren School board members to do? They ran into hot water earlier in the school year when they tried to

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HURRY! WE'VE GOT TO GET THIS RECALL UNDERWAY BEFORE THE SCOUNDRELS ESCAPE BY NOT GETTING RE-ELECTED!!



Growth requires planning, effort

The Wayne City Council members got together last night for the first goal setting session of the new year.

The sessions are a precursor to the upcoming budget season, and a little different than they are in other communities. In Wayne, they essentially amount to the various department heads talking about what's been accomplished in the past year and what they'd like to see happen in the coming year.

They're typically filled with plenty of practical suggestions and a few loftier visions thrown in for a 'wow' factor.

I'm usually most interested in two departments: the Community Development Department and the Parks and Recreation Department. It's easy to see why: both center primarily on quality of life issues. The parks department provides those little extras that make living here special and the community development department is supposed to improve the overall community through smart planning and marketing.

Besides, the Downtown Development Authority (DDA) falls under its broad umbrella and any positive change that happens in the community will most likely come from there. The DDA has the most money and the downtown has the most potential and any municipal leader will probably tell you that the fate of a community follows its downtown.

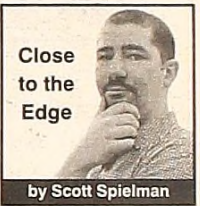
There were some positive signs in the community development department goals, potential land acquisitions that could bring in more residential development, the continuation of the Blight Fight as well as a desire to work on prominent vacancies or eyesores.

And there are a few of them on Michigan Avenue—the city's most public face. There is the former Nankin Hospital property next to our office here, the Butler property adjacent to the Historic Wayne Theater and the historic theater itself, which may or may not be in the city's hands by the end of the year. These have all been vacant for a while, long enough for the city to come up with a concept plan or conceptual zoning that would spur the kind of development they want. It'd be smart to get that under way.

There is another subtle piece that could have an even greater impact across the street from the State Wayne Theater, at the corner of Michigan Avenue and Newberry Street. I've long thought that parking lot was too big for the uses around it and it would make an ideal site for a structure that could lead people into a new downtown area.

The changes I'd like to see—and what I think Wayne needs—weren't there though. I think the city

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Close to the Edge

by Scott Spielman

Equality should be year-round

For the past week, schools, churches, and municipalities throughout the region have set aside time to recognize the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and, by extension, the men and women—both black and white—who risked everything by supporting the American civil rights movement.

Although budgets are tight everywhere, it makes me happy to see teachers and civic leaders making a priority of teaching children about Dr. King and reminding adults just how far American society has come—and how far it still has to go—to make Dr. King's famous dream a reality. It would be easy to discount his words, justifying the decision on the grounds that the work is done. After all, there is even a strong contender for the position of President of the United States of America who is of African-American descent. It's harder to see the remaining hurdles, the dreams of equality that still have a ways to go yet, since the divisiveness now seems to stick to the shadows where we, as a society, can pretend it doesn't exist.

I applaud those men and women who took time out to celebrate, in one location or the other, and for those who spoke out about the changes the civil rights movement wrought on society so that

those who did not experience it firsthand could have a greater understanding that the movement truly represented more than a few passages in a history book can provide.

To acknowledge the efforts of Dr. King and all of the other crusaders whose names have been virtually lost to the public only once a year, however, reminds me of the story of the Christmas Truce that temporarily suspended war on the Western Front during World War I as both sides celebrated the holiday—it may be better than nothing but at the end of the day, how much meaning can it actually convey?

The challenge is in nurturing that effort into something that is more than a one-day history lesson and into an understanding that transcends race and impacts our daily lives. I'm hopeful that sometime, somewhere, someone will use those lessons to help thrust society out of the rut of the status quo and help lead citizens toward further embracing Dr. King's vision of society.

In the meantime, I'm just happy to hear about the simple things people are doing to further that vision, one person at a time.



Looking around

by Meghan Chatham

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College offers scholarships

The Wayne County Community College District (WCCCD) now has the 2008-2009 scholarship packet available.

A list of the various scholarships and eligibility guidelines are available in the student services office downtown or online at www.wcccd.edu. Applications will be accepted May 3-5. The packet includes and announcement with deadline, information sheet, a list of scholarships available and an application checklist.

Students completing the scholarship application, must be sure to designate the specific scholarship award. If applying for more than one during the same competition cycle, students must submit a separate application form for each of the scholarships.

A prerequisite of the application process is to have applied for Federal Financial Aid and received a response by the time the application is filed. It can be filed electronically.

Individual scholarships will vary with respect to eligibility requirements, noted in the list of

scholarships. In cases where the same sets of documents are required for different scholarship awards, a separate set of attachments for each application submitted is required. Failure to submit a complete application packet for each scholarship will automatically be disqualified.

Applications must be completed and signed by 4 p.m. on May 5 and, submitted to the district office of student services, located at 801 West Fort in Detroit. For more information, call (313) 496-2634.

LETTERS

Church seeking donations

To the editor;

Have you ever believed in something, hoped for something, dreamed of something, prayed for something, and been so close to getting it multiple times and at the last minute it all fell apart? This is what has happened to our church many times over. We've come across several opportunities over the years to obtain our own building, twice even been given a move-in date and then, due to unforeseen technicalities, we were given the bad news that we would not have our own building. Our church started out

by holding services in a garage with approximately 10 people and has now grown to 40 plus people. We are presently renting a church located at 105 N. Liberty St. in Belleville.

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Ann Moore,
Ypsilanti

Growth

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needs to restructure the way the DDA functions. This is a volunteer board that meets a handful of times every year, essentially to sign off on budget requests. There

needs to be more planning from this body, more proactivity—more meetings. Members of the Wayne 2020 Committee, in their goal session a month ago, suggested a DDA director, even if it were only a part-time post. I'm not sure if that's a necessity, but the city does need to spend more effort there and it would be at least

worth a look.

I know things are difficult and I know city officials are trying to push for additional downtown development. They are limited in what they can do, but they can still push a little harder.

School

FROM PAGE 4

expel students for exhibiting gang-like behavior on a web site and they had to back pedal on that decision.

Now it looks like they're being too reactionary by canceling extra curricular activities and telling students they're a privilege, not a right.

Honestly, though, that won't solve anything. If teens are going to cause trouble, they're going to do it whether there's a

dance at the end of the week or not. They're not going to care what time the game starts. These kinds of things will only hurt the vast majority of students at the school, who want to make everything they can out of their education—and the parents who may not be able to make it to the games to watch their children play.

Perhaps the best course of action is to take a step back and ask: How did it get this far?

Understanding that will help solve the problem and eliminate these knee jerk reactions in the first place.

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The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Mayor Pro Tem Randolph Gear.
Present: John Barden, Ellen Craig-Bragg, LeRoy Burcroff, Harry Crout, William Crova, Randolph Gear, William Wadsworth.
Administrative Officials in Attendance:
Linda R. Choate, Clerk
Pamela Morrison/Kersey, Treasurer

1. Motion by Crova, supported by Burcroff approve the agenda as presented.

2.
Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes -Barden, Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Gear, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

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2. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Bragg to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held December 26, 2007.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Barden, Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Gear, Burcroff.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Barden, Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Gear, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

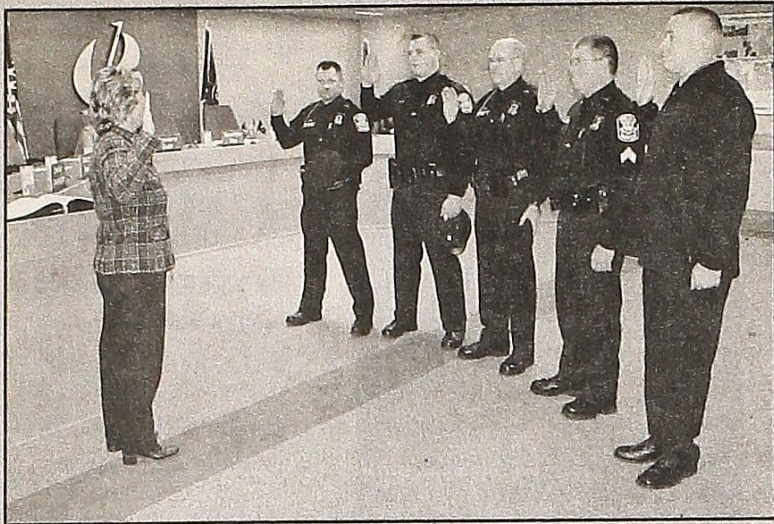
Respectfully submitted,

Linda R. Choate, Clerk
City of Romulus, Michigan

I, Linda R. Choate, Clerk for the City of Romulus, Michigan do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true copy of the minutes of the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held on January 7, 2008.

Linda R. Choate, Clerk
City of Romulus, Michigan

Publish: January 24, 2008



On the job

Several new recruits were sworn in recently at the Van Buren Township Public Safety Department. The new police recruits hired in December include Jessica Shippe, Chris Herrick, Adam Lewis and Derek Perez. Officers already in the department, who are also now firefighters, include Det. Louis Keele, Det. Robert Greene and Sgt. Mike Moening. Other new employees are firefighter Chris Wiggins and George Gunningham, a reserve police officer.



Board members OK new retail center

Andrea King
Staff Writer

Premier Realty will build a new retail center in Van Buren Township soon.

Township trustees approved the special land use request to construct an 8,163 square-foot retail center with a drive-thru recently. The applicant—Premier Dequindre II LLC—

requested use for the multi-tenant center with a total size of 15.95 acres, located at the southwest corner of Ecorse and Haggerty roads.

Currently, Premier Dequindre is only planning to develop 3.3 acres on the south side of the property for the retail center and storm detention, according to officials.

“The planning commission

has reviewed and approved the special land use criteria,” said Dan Swallow, deputy director of planning and economic development for the township. “It promotes the use of land in a socially and economically desirable manner, has public convenience, is compatible with adjacent land use, considers the natural environment and the other general stan-

dards.”

Trustee Jeff Jahr said he did have the usual concerns with the drive-through, however, with this site in particular there shouldn’t be any problems.

“In the future, these drive-throughs will be a high traffic, budding area,” he said. “That impacts the surrounding neighbors, but I don’t think this particular use will be a problem.”

Elderly Belleville driver crashes into guard rail

An 86-year-old Belleville woman crashed her vehicle and slipped over a guard rail recently.

Officials responded to the incident at about 2:01 p.m. on

Dec. 28 at Belleville and Quirk roads. Upon arrival the Mazda SUV vehicle had three wheels hanging over the guard rail near the edge of Belleville Lake.

The driver was safely trans-

ported to minimize the potential risk of a spinal injury to St. Joseph Mercy Hospital. The vehicle was stabilized to prevent it from slipping over the guard rail. It appears the woman had driven

off the road while traveling southbound on Belleville Road onto the sideway through Quirk Road and, up and over the guard rail where the vehicle stopped, officials said.

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THE SCENE

CLOVERFIELD

Film is a whole new kind of creepy

Reviewed By
Jeff Novak
Staff Writer

Move over, Godzilla—there's a new city-destroying monster in town and it isn't pretty.

It doesn't have a name (yet—leave that to the bloggers) but it's uglier, more destructive and meaner than our nuclear lizard friend. Actually, the monster that descends upon New York in the recently released and very secretive *Cloverfield* makes Godzilla look like a harmless aquarium pet that got loose in a Lego city and chewed up a G.I. Joe action figure.

Yep, this creature eats people, knocks down skyscrapers and beheads the Statue of Liberty all while shedding smaller alien-like attack hounds to spread even more mayhem among the escaping city dwellers.

A lot more than its name is unknown. Thanks to producer J.J. Abrams—the brain-child behind ABC's enigmatic hit show *Lost*—and director Matt Reeves, there are plenty of blank spaces to still be filled when the end credits roll—mainly what the creature is and where did it come from. Fortunately, if enough attention is paid to backgrounds and other peripheral information, those answers are out there.

The thing that makes such investigative film viewing so difficult—by design I'm sure—is that the entire film is shot with a hand-held camera.

The bobbing and weaving (which, in my opinion, only boxers should do) of the camera lends to dark and at times out-of-focus frames that is pretty annoying at first. And by the time I got used to it, it was over.

On the positive side the hand-held technique—at its finest in Steven Spielberg's opening war sequence in *Saving Private Ryan* and at its worst in cult hit *The Blair Witch Project*—has some advantages. It puts the audience in first-person mode. Viewers are thrown into the action with the actors and are in essence a part of the film. Every stum-

ble, fall, leap and dodge becomes the viewers'.

Cloverfield opens with a group of friends setting up a surprise going away party for their friend Rob (Michael Stahl-David) who is leaving for Japan (you know, the place Godzilla attacks) for a job promotion. Rob's friend Hudson (Hud), portrayed by T.J. Miller who plays the goofy Marmaduke on ABC's *Carpoolers*, is given the responsibility of videotaping farewells from the partygoers. Needless to say, he ends up documenting a whole lot more.

The group of friends is narrowed down to include Rob's brother Jason (Mike Vogel) and his girlfriend Lily (Jessica Lucas), Marlena (Lizzy Caplan) and Hud that frantically try to escape the impending doom.

At the heart of all good movies is a love story. The small group has the opportunity to make it out of New York by Army escort until Rob gets a call from Beth (Odette Yustman), his true love, who is trapped in her collapsed apartment building miles away. The group backtracks through the tattered remains of the city to save her.

The film offers some very eerie and realistic scenes.

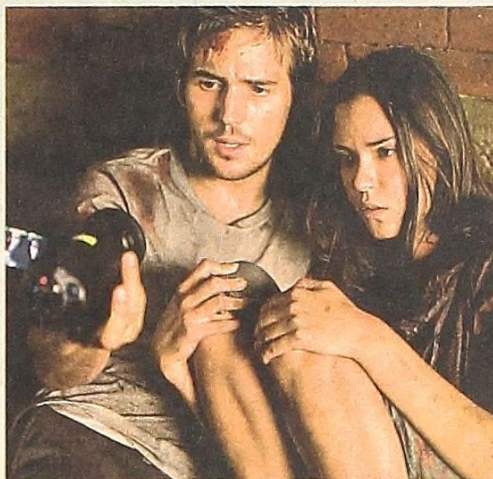
When the monster first attacks the city, skyscrapers

tumble, covering those exposed in dust and grime and leaving them to walk the streets stunned and dazed. The scene is a quick reminder of the images shown on CNN and in *Newsweek* and *Time* magazines after the 9/11 attacks. Very creepy.

Other than that, *Cloverfield* is fun, exciting, suspenseful, scary and nonstop ride from the time IT attacks to the very end when the armed forces are forced to take extreme measures. And despite what you may have read in blogs, the monster isn't a giant bunny rabbit nibbling on skyscrapers like giant carrots—nope, but what a fantastic disappointment that would have made.

If you can get past the shaking, jumping and swirling camera work, the film is actually well done. Movies are about telling stories visually with frames and action where dialogue is a just an accent to the plot rather than a vehicle for it. Although *Cloverfield* looks like just another monster-terrorizing-a-big-city flick, it does just that.

When viewing, pay close attention to all the details because there is definitely more than meets the eye.



THE SCENE



Reviewed By
Meghan Chatham
Staff Writer

27 Dresses

Film provides some old time romantic movie fluff and fun

Like the skirt of a particularly voluminous wedding dress, new romantic comedy 27 Dresses is almost laughably 'fluffy' yet it's entertaining enough that audiences probably won't care.

Katherine Heigl (*Grey's Anatomy*, *Knocked Up*) stars as Jane, a dedicated and uber-organized executive assistant who knows her boss, George (Edward Burns), so well that she can predict his needs before he even realized he had them. Although George is vaguely appreciative of everything Jane does for him, he's oblivious to the fact that some of her willingness to go 'above and beyond' is due to an unspoken infatuation with him.

A dedicated romantic, Jane doesn't allow the situation to interfere with her enjoyment of anything and everything wedding related. She ignores the old adage that claims 'three times a bridesmaid, never a bride' and becoming the perpetual bridesmaid—25 times. From an underwater ceremony to Southern belle themed ceremony, she has been there, done that and she has the ugly, overpriced outfit to prove it.

One Saturday night, however, things come to a head as she racks up dresses 26 and 27, serving as bridesmaid at two different weddings on two sides of town at the same time with quick dress changes in the cab between the two. Her sudden appearances and disappearances catch the interest of Kevin (James Marsden), who comes to her aid after she is trampled when the bride at one wedding tosses her bouquet. In the confusion, she forgets her day planner in the taxi in which Kevin escorted her home. Curious, Kevin flips through the book and is startled to find

that many—if not most—of the entries are focused on helping other people host the perfect wedding. As a reporter with aspirations toward greatness and a career stuck in the Commitments section of a New York newspaper, he smells a story that could lift him out of his wedding-centered personal hell.

Surprises—but not charm—are in short supply as Kevin tries to worm a story out of Jane even as the arrival of her stunning and self-centered younger sister, Tess (Malin Akerman), turns her world upside down by pursuing George.

The film is a simple, classic romantic comedy with no pretensions about being anything else. What it loses in predictability is more than balanced by the spirit of fun and uneasy friendship provided by Heigl and Marsden (*X-Men*, *Hairspray*). Akerman (*The Heartbreak Kid*) was also a joy as the beautiful yet somewhat vapid third corner to the romantic triangle although Burns (*Saving Private Ryan*, *Life or Something Like It*) was less than impressive, due either to his performance or to the reality that George's character had absolutely no depth.

For anyone who has ever found herself decked out in a polyester satin monstrosity in the name of 'friendship'—or had to refrain from laughing when a friend did—the dresses alone are worth the ticket price. Just don't expect depth. This is a fairly superficial film. The movie is good for a couple hours of entertainment—and you'll never look at the song Benny and the Jets quite the same way again.

The film is rated PG-13 for language and some sexual innuendo and situations. It is from director Anne Fletcher.

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Class cut ups

Local high school students compete in Plymouth ice-festival

Molly Tippen
Staff Writer

Outside the back doors of Romulus High School, students are welding chainsaws and several other sharp objects, and in this case, it's a good thing.

The students – members of the Romulus High School Ice Carving Team – are busy creating some unique shapes for the 26th Annual Plymouth International Ice Sculpture Spectacular, where they will compete against other area high schools in the closely watched design competition this weekend.

Charles Usztics, a culinary arts teacher at the school who has overseen the carvers for the past 15 years, said he's looking forward to showing off his students' talent.

"We have three carvers this year," he said. "They're all doing great work – we've been working hard on our sculptures."

Preparing for the show is a long process for both the students and their instructor. Blocks of ice, which weight 320 pounds, are brought in so students can practice.

A typical day for the students includes drawing their design onto a large sheet of paper, and sticking the paper to the ice block by pouring water on it. Once the paper sticks, the students begin

cutting away the ice carefully with chain saws – all under Usztics' supervision.

Once the block is in a basic shape consistent with the overall design, more detailed work begins.

For student Cameron Jackson, that means paying close attention to how Usztics executes the detailed carving that will create lifelike wings on a swan.

Jackson, while chiseling away the feathers, said his favorite part of creating ice sculptures is working with the tools.

"I like working with the chain saws the best," he said.

Another carver, Justin Kuderik, is also working on his design for the Plymouth show. His design is a swimming fish.

"He took second place last year with this design, and I was surprised because I thought it was a great design," Usztics said. "He's adding considerable more detail this year."

Instead of a single fish, Kuderik is adding a baby fish to swim alongside its mother.

Kuderik and Jackson will be joined by ninth grader William McCall, who is carving a seahorse. McCall is a newcomer to the ice competition.

To perfect their designs for the show, students will carve the design in practice at least four



Student ice carvers (left to right) William McCall, Cameron Jackson, and Justin Kuderik join their instructor Charles Usztics (center), and student assistant Ashley Williams (front, center).

times Usztics said.

"We practice often, and it works because we generally place very well in the contest," he said.

Ice carving is a big part of the culinary arts program at the high school. Usztics said the most successful student ice carvers pos-

sess a willingness to learn and a some basic artistic ability.

The Romulus program also operates as a small business. Student carvers are often asked to create sculptures for area events at several city hotels. Currently, students are devising

designs for a benefit for an advocacy group that helps victims of domestic violence.

Students also compete several times year. After the Plymouth show, they will move onto downtown Wyandotte, which also hosts a show.

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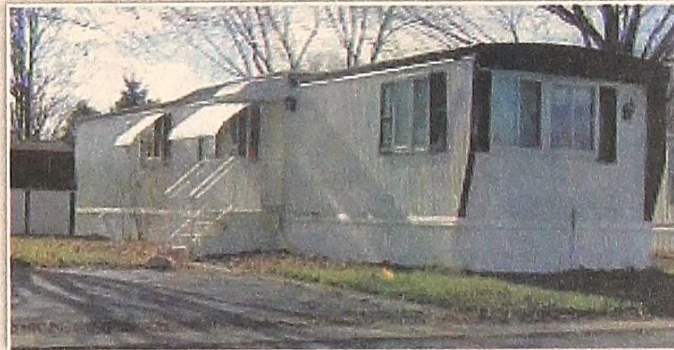
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SPORTS

Eagles win round 1 with Tigers

Jeff Novak
Staff Writer

Romulus High School marked the battlefield where the Eagles and the Belleville Tigers clashed in a archrival Mega Red bout last Thursday night.

It was a typical Belleville-Romulus match in every sense of the word. Both teams played tough, exchanged the lead and made big plays, but it was Romulus that came out on top, 65-60, in the first of two meetings—possibly three meetings if they face off in districts.

The last minute of play got a little dicey for the Eagles.

Romulus led by three, 63-60, when Romulus senior guard Dominique Buckley's pass was nearly picked off. His teammate Mario Crawford, a senior guard, chased the loose ball down and eventually got it inside to junior guard Rashard Porter, who iced the game with a layup.

"Both teams played hard," said Belleville Coach Don Hickman. "If the ball bounces one way or the other on some plays or we intercept that pass we could have possibly tied and gone into overtime. It was a typical game between our two teams. They always come down to the wire."

After a scoreless first four minutes, Belleville got things going in the first quarter and took a 13-5 lead. Romulus turned the ball over eight times in the first.

That changed in the second and the

momentum switched to Romulus. They scored 24 points in the frame. Senior forward Will Clyburn hit two triples and Buckley, senior forward Martell Anderson and junior guard Filmore Bouldes each scored three-pointers in the period.

The Romulus defense held Belleville to nine for a 29-22 Romulus half-time lead.

"We came out and hit five triples and we quit turning the ball over," said Romulus Coach Nate Oats. "It helped to that Belleville didn't make shots that they were making in the first quarter."

The third went back and forth between the two teams but the Eagles snuck out to a nine-point lead, 59-50, with about 1:20 left to play, according to Oats. Belleville junior guard Booker Stoudmire knocked down a triple and before anyone, including Oats, realized it Belleville was back in it.

"We just couldn't finish them off," Oats said.

Buckley led the Eagles with 15 points. Clyburn added 12 with three triples and senior forward Devin Pankey added 10.

Romulus improved to 5-0 in the Mega red play and 9-2 overall. Belleville fell to 3-2 in the Red and 7-4 overall.

Stoudmire led all scorers with 16 for the Tigers. Junior guard Ricky Love added 15.

That was the only contest for Belleville last week. Romulus started the week off with an 82-61 victory over Flint Southwestern last Monday.

Buckley and junior guard Valdez

It was a typical game between our two teams. They always come down to the wire.

Coach Don Hickman



Romulus senior guard Dominique Buckley drives against visiting Belleville's junior guard Ricky Love on Friday. Romulus won the Mega Red rival match-up and remains undefeated in the Red division. Photo by Ken Garner

Green each scored 15. Pankey added 12.

Belleville and Romulus don't meet again until the second to last game of the regular season at Belleville at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 19. If things go as they have in the past the two teams could meet up in district play, staring the last week of February.

"Every year that I have been here it seems like we always face each other at some point in the districts," Oats said.

Romulus hosts Taylor Truman at 7:30 pm on Friday.

Belleville hosts Dearborn Heights Robichaud at 7 p.m. on Friday and head to Truman at 7 p.m. on Tuesday.

Plymouth sophomore goalie Ryan Shultz makes a stop during a home game last week against Livonia Churchill. Plymouth lost the game, 9-3, and fell to 9-6 overall record. Plymouth hosts Warren Mott at 7 p.m. on Saturday at Compuware Arena before heading Livonia Franklin at 6 p.m. on Wednesday at the Eddie Edgar Arena. Photo by Ken Garner



Cats fall to Northville, Churchill

Jeff Novak
Staff Writer

The Plymouth Wildcat hockey team suffered two losses last week, dropping their record to 9-7.

Host Northville came from behind to beat the 'Cats, 3-2, at the Novi Ice Arena on Saturday night.

Plymouth was winning, 2-1,

late in the third when Northville capitalized on a breakdown in the Wildcat defense with about four minutes left to play, according to Plymouth Coach Paul Fassbender. Northville scored again when Plymouth failed to clear the puck from their zone.

The bright spot was the play of sophomore goalie Ryan Shultz.

"He was outstanding," Fassbender said.

"He needs to start getting some league recognition for awards. He is really playing well making some big saves when we need him to."

Sophomore forward Connor Dresser and senior defender Colin Rolfe scored the goals for

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Run time Northville holds off Chiefs

The game of basketball can quickly turn into a game of runs and whoever gets the last one usually wins.

That was the story behind the Northville-Canton match-up on Friday night.

The contest was full of ups and downs, but it was Northville that strung together the right runs at the right time to put their struggling host away, 47-37. Northville jumped out to an early 9-2 lead only to see Canton roar back to take a commanding 24-13 advantage halfway through the second quarter. Northville didn't give in—they put together some big runs in the second half for the win.

The Mustangs got out of the gates quick on a 9-2 run. Canton was quick to get back in it with the shooting skills of senior Neil Sharma. Sharma ended the run with back-to-back baskets, including a triple, and teammate Ryan Seely knocked down a bucket to tie the game, 9-9. Senior Greg Hasse gave the Mustangs a one-point lead with a single free throw to end the period.

The Chiefs opened the second quarter with a 12-2 run started by back-to-back triples by senior

Chris Bailey and junior Marlan Glenn. Bailey scored again along with Dan Stoney and Sharma to round out the 12-point spurt. Canton's Will Tidwell made it a 24-13 game with 2:40 left to play in the half but senior Dan Kirkpatrick nailed two baskets to narrow the gap, 24-17, ending the first half.

Then it was Northville's turn in the third. The Mustangs opened the second half with eight unanswered points but Sharma kept them at bay with a triple. Northville went on an 11-4 run to regain the lead, 36-34, at the end of the third and would never trail again the rest of the way.

Northville's defense picked up in the final stanza, holding the Chiefs to just three points in the eight-minute span.

"It took us a while but we played great defense in the fourth quarter," said Northville Coach Darrel Schumacher. "That allowed for the separation at the end."

Kirkpatrick led all scorers with 17 points and grabbed 10 rebounds. Steve Anderson added

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SPORTS

Lady 'stangs beat Canton

Jeff Novak
Staff Writer

The Northville lady Mustangs pulled out another low-scoring victory against visiting division rival Canton on Friday night.

A total of 49 points were scored this time as the Lady 'Stangs ran away with a 28-21 victory.

The point total was an improvement from the last time the two teams met, when only 37 points were scored in Canton's gym back on Dec. 20. Northville also won that one, 24-13.

"Both teams play pretty good defense and get back on transition," said Northville Coach Pete Wright. "So every basket is contested."

Canton has 6-foot-1 senior center Baylee Hollowell that can contest just about any shot inside and battles for rebounds. She scored 19 of the Lady Chiefs' 21 points and nabbed 16 rebounds in the contest. Kylie Martin scored the team's other two points.

Canton carried an 11-9 lead into the locker room at halftime but the tides changed in the second half. Northville outscored Canton 12-4 in the third and 7-2 in the fourth for the win.

I thought the girls played good ball for the first 20 minutes or so," said Canton Coach Brian Samulski. "Then Northville went on a 10-0 run to end the

third and it didn't seem we could rebound from that."

Senior Sarah Stern and junior Chelsea Atzinger each scored nine for Northville.

"It's always nice to beat a division team twice," Wright said. "We have had some battles over the years."

Northville didn't have the same success when they hosted Franklin last Tuesday.

The 'Stangs only reached double figures once in the game—the third quarter—in the 44-33 loss.

Atzinger led the team with eight points.

Canton had a hard time finding offense against host Walled Lake Western last Tuesday and fell, 46-25.

"They jumped out on us early," Samulski said. "We cut the lead to eight a few times in the second but we could never get closer than that. We didn't do a great job with their pressure."

Canton hosts Franklin at 7 p.m. on Friday and heads to Plymouth at 7 p.m. on Tuesday.

Northville hosts Wayne at 7 p.m. on Friday and Walled Lake Western at 7 p.m. on Tuesday.

"Wayne—if we can slow Barbee—we should be okay but she is capable of putting 30 plus on you," Wright said.

"We will have to create some easy scores like we did in the first game to keep the scoreboard moving."



Northville senior Allison Holmes makes a move against Canton senior Baylee Hollowell on Friday. Photo by Diane Birdsall

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10 and Hasse put in nine.

Sharma scored 10 for Canton.

Northville improved to 7-4 overall and 5-1 in Western Lakes play. Canton continues to struggle, falling to 4-6 overall and 1-4 in league play.

The Mustangs were hot off of a big, 70-48, win against host Franklin last Tuesday.

"We had a great game against Franklin," Schumacher said. "Many people scored—lots of people had points and we played great defense."

Eleven players scored in the outing for Northville.

Hasse led with 13 points. Anderson, Kirkpatrick, Scott Wagner and Eric Maise each scored nine.

The Mustangs raced to a 24-11 lead after one and led 41-16 at the half. Northville scored 25 in the third to double up Franklin's score, 64-32.

Northville has a tough contest with host Wayne at 7 p.m. today and at Walled Lake Western at 7 p.m. on Tuesday.

Northville lost to Wayne, 57-51 in the first meeting earlier this month and beat Western, 59-40, on Jan. 11.

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SPORTS

Canton gymnastics team falls to Northville, place 5th at Farmington

Jeff Novak
Staff Writer

You can't win them all.

The Canton High School gymnastics team hoped to this season—as they do every season—but a tough visiting Northville squad knocked them down to 3-1 overall on Thursday.

The Lady Mustangs outscored Canton, 142.15-138.70.

It was still a good meet, according to Canton Coach John Cunningham.

"The girls made many positive steps," he said, "so it was a good loss."

Canton's Jesse Murray won the all-around competition with a 36.35. She placed first on two events—beam with a 9.5 and floor with a 9.2. Murray also tied for third place on bars with Northville's McKenna Pohl with an 8.75 and placed fifth on vault with an 8.9.

Murray's teammate Mallory Hudak tied Pohl for second on floor with a 9.15. Canton's Robyn Piowar scored a 9.1 on vault to tie with Pohl for second place. Piowar also took fourth on beam with a 9.1 and fourth on floor with an 8.8. Northville's Allison Kemp was the strong horse for Northville. She took second in the all-around with a total of 36.05. Kemp placed first on the vault with a 9.2, second on bars with an 8.85, second on beam with a 9.3 and fifth on floor with an 8.7.

Northville's Cassidy Winter had a good day on bars, taking first with an 8.9 and placed fourth on vault with a 9.0. She tied for fifth with teammate Pohl on beam

with a 9.0.

Northville's Julie Davison owned a solid performance on beam. She scored a 9.2 for second place.

"Northville is just a solid team," Cunningham said.

"Our girls tried new tricks, did their best and worked hard so I'm not disappointed that we lost."

Both teams participated in the Farmington Invitational on Saturday.

Again Northville came out on top, finishing fourth (140.800). Canton was close behind in fifth with a 139.675.

Murray had another solid day for Canton. She finished third all around with a 37.125.

She scored nines on all of the events—floor (9.525) for first, beam (9.450) for first, vault (9.150) for sixth and bars (9.00) for sixth.

Piowar placed ninth in the all around with a 35.25 that included a 9.1 on floor and a 9.2 on vault for fifth place.

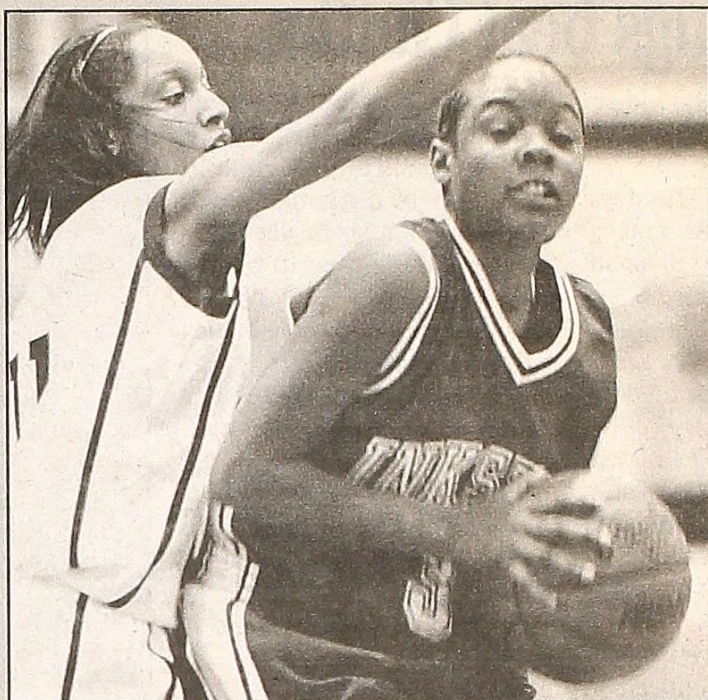
Hudak improved on her floor routine and scored a 9.30 for second place.

For Northville, Pohl scored 9.3s on both bars and floor and a 9.0 on vault. Winter scored a 9.35 on floor. Kemp scored a 9.2 on floor and Amy Reynolds a 9.1 on beam.

Salem's team finished seventh with a 135.575.

Katie Koetting scored a 9.1 on floor and Autumn Collins a 9.0 on beam.

Canton hosts Livonia at 7 p.m. today. Northville is at Livonia at 7 p.m. on Monday and Salem is at Hartland at 6:30 pm on Tuesday.



Inkster senior guard Victoria McGowan, right, drives past Romulus senior guard Cristina Barnett, left, when the two teams met for the first time on Dec. 4, 2007 at Romulus. Romulus won that match but Inkster evened the score when the beat the Lady Eagles on Friday. McGowan led all scorers with 27 points.

Inkster evens score with Eagles

Jeff Novak
Staff Writer

The Inkster Lady Vikings avenged an early loss to the Romulus on Friday when they beat the visiting Lady Eagles, 54-33.

It was a simple case of following the game blueprints for Inkster and listening to instructions—something Inkster Coach Peggy Carr hopes her team does more often now that they know they can win by doing so.

"The girls really played well," Carr said. "They followed the game plan the best they have all season and it worked. They played hard and listened to us the whole game—even when we subbed in

the freshmen they didn't let up!"

Inkster senior guard Victoria McGowan led all scorers.

Such schools as Eastern Michigan University and Northern Illinois are now showing interest in her ability. She put on a show for EMU scouts, scoring 27 points—just shy of her 30-point per game average.

Inkster led the entire time, starting with a 20-7 first-quarter lead and outscoring Romulus in every quarter after.

"We started out sluggish and never really got going," said Romulus Coach Yvette Harris. "It was a hard-fought

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SPORTS

London's Maroon stalls Whalers, 5-2

London's Patrick Maroon scored two goals and had an assist to help his Knights overcome the Plymouth Whalers, 5-2, at Compuware in Plymouth Township on Saturday night.

London goaltender Jhase Sniderman was also stellar for the Knights, stopping 27-of-29 shots.

The game leaves London and Plymouth with identical records of 24-16-2-2.

Phil Varone (8), Philip McRae (13) and Tony Romano (10) scored the other goals for London. Plymouth received goals

from Ryan Hayes (2) and Taylor Carnevale (6).

After a scoreless first period, London scored twice in a span of 19 seconds in the second period to take a 2-0 lead. Varone pounced on a loose puck outside the Whalers' blue crease area and beat Plymouth goaltender Matt Hackett at 7:39. Maroon scored his 24th of the season at 7:58.

Hayes cut the London lead to 2-1 when he roofed a shot from the right circle past Sniderman at 14:02. But McRae restored London's two-goal advantage when

Maroon passed the puck from the left corner in front to McRae, who knocked it in.

Romano gave London a 4-1 lead with a backhand shot at 5:44 of the third period.

Maroon scored his second of the game at 25th of the season when he skated through the Plymouth slot and beat Hackett with a quick shot from the left wing at 14:57. Carnevale closed the scoring with 17 seconds left in regulation.

Plymouth plays in Windsor on Sunday at 2 p.m. and is back home Friday against Owen Sound at 7:05 pm and Peterborough on Saturday at 7:05 pm.

Vikings

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game but we got into early foul trouble and no matter what changes we made we couldn't get things working."

Senior Jasmine Brown led the Lady Eagles with 10 points and eight rebounds.

Romulus beat Inkster in the first meeting between the teams, 64-49, back on December 4, 2007.

"It was nice to get that one back," Carr said.

"I was surprised that Romulus didn't play better. They had an off night, I think."

Both teams were coming off of wins earlier in the week.

On Tuesday, Inkster beat Southgate in a close, 56-52, bout.

The game was tied at the half. Southgate stayed in it with big plays from star Lindsay Potter until Carr asked her players who was going to step up and stop her in the second half. Junior Alexis Baynham said she would and did.

"Usually when I ask who is going to step up everyone just kind of looks at each other," Carr said. "Alexis said right away that she would stop Potter. She did a good job and I think that was the difference in the game."

McGowan led the team with 34 points.

Romulus triumphed over visiting Allen Park last Tuesday, 67-53.

"We just came out focused and ready to play," Harris said.

Senior Christine Wells led the team with 14 points against Allen Park. Senior Cristina Barnett added 13 and Brown 10.

Romulus hosts Monroe at 7:30 pm today and head to Belleville at 7 p.m. on Tuesday.

Inkster is at Belleville at 7 p.m. today and hosts Allen Park at 7 pm on Tuesday.

Ignition surfs past Wave into 1st place

The Detroit Ignition (11-4) defeated the visiting Milwaukee Wave (11-5), 15-14, on Friday to take sole possession of first place in the Major Indoor Soccer League.

League scoring leader Greg Howes scored the first points of the match at 4:35 in the first quarter with a three-point goal off an assist from defender Tijani Ayegbusi. Ignition midfielder Ricardinho answered two minutes later with an unassisted two-point tally. Howes scored another two points for the visitors at 12:23 in the first

but Ryan Mack responded at 14:24 with two more points for Detroit. Less than 30 seconds later, Hewerton scored his 50th MISL career goal with a three-point score off an assist from Ricardinho to put the Ignition up 7-5 at the end of the first.

Milwaukee scored first in the second quarter as midfielder Marcio Leite notched two points at 8:47, but the Ignition scored eight unanswered points to put the club up, 15-8, midway through the third quarter. Mack, Abraham Francois, and Jamar working hard and paid for it. (Churchill) won every loose puck battle."

Rolfe scored two goals and junior forward Kyle Cunningham one for Plymouth.

Fassbender and company have lost three in a row but he still sees progress.

"I think we have steadily improved while taking some quality setbacks," he said.

"We are starting to play a better game defensively. We are still improving in our

Beasley scored for Detroit during the offensive attack, with Beasley accounting for two of the goals.

The Wave scored six more points before the night was over, but the Ignition held on and came out with a 15-14 win.

The Ignition will host La Raza de Monterrey (5-10) on Sunday, January 27 at Compuware Arena.

own end. We need to remember to make the simple play. In doing that we can take a lot of pressure off ourselves defensively. But we are making progress."

Plymouth hosts Warren Mott at 5:40 pm on Saturday at Compuware Arena and head to Franklin for a match-up with the Patriots at 6: p.m. on Wednesday at Eddie Edgar Arena in Livonia.

Northville hosts Walled Lake Western at 3:30 pm on Saturday.

Wildcats

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the Wildcats.

Plymouth struggled against Churchill in a 9-3 loss.

"I think we came out scared and not ready," Fassbender said. "We were over-matched and played like it. We were not

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BLACK, Ada E. January 16, 2008, age 97 of Wayne. Beloved wife of the late Wayne A. Black. Dear mother of Wallene (Louis) Poteau, Gerald "Jerry" (Susie) Black and Jaynie Black. Grandmother of Kim (Mike) Foster, Kyle (Monica) Poteau, Kris (David) Wilson, Susan (Chris) O'Neal, Sally Black, William Nichols, Jr. and Joseph Nichols. Great Grandmother of Caleigh O'Neal, William Gavin, Elijah First, Anna, David and Morgan Sieja. Sister of Lillian Arthur, Carrie Yates, Ruth Pack, Evelyn Spitzer, Dewey and Ralph Luper, the late Faye Black, Mozelle Bagwell, Pauline Pugh, Paul, James and Clarence Luper. Services were held at the Uht Funeral Home, Westland with Rev. David Stewart officiating. Burial was at Cadillac Memorial Gardens Cemetery West, Westland. Memorials would be appreciated to Community Hospice or Rose Cottage. Please visit and post a tribute at www.uhtfh.com



FORBES, Carlton Lee, Sr., age 67, died January 7, 2008. He was born February 24, 1940. He leaves to cherish his memories, his devoted wife, Gloria Forbes; two sons, Carlton (Tara) Forbes Jr. and Derek Forbes; three grandchildren; three brothers, Ralph E. Forbes Jr., Milton Forbes and Gregory Forbes; two sisters, Argeline (Robert) Porter and Brenda Collins; 13 nieces and nephews, 9 great nieces and nephews, 3 great-great nieces and nephews, and a host of cousins and friends. Services were held at Penn Funeral home with Dr. John E. Duckworth officiating. Interment was at United Memorial Gardens, Plymouth, MI. Final arrangements were entrusted to Penn Funeral Home, Inkster, MI.



GULLY, Henry lee, age 69, died January 6, 2008. He was born February 25, 1938. Henry leaves to grieve and cherish his memory his second wife of 40 years, Cora; two brothers, Harry Scott (Betty) and Will Jordan (Cathleen); and a host of nieces, nephews, relatives and friends. Services were held at Penn Funeral Home with Rev. Hardy Johnson officiating. Interment was at Westlawn Cemetery, Wayne, MI. Final arrangements were entrusted to Penn Funeral Home, Inkster, MI.



MCDUFFIE, Geneva, age 89, died December 22, 2007. She was born May 16, 1918. She is survived by her three grandchildren, Shari, Roderick and Marjorie; two great grandchildren, Bryant and Brandon; her sister, Doris, as well as a host of nieces, nephews and cousins. She was well loved and will be greatly missed. Services were held at Penn Funeral Home with Rev. Arthur C. Willis Sr. officiating. Interment was at Westlawn Cemetery, Wayne, MI. Final arrangements were entrusted to Penn Funeral Home, Inkster, MI.



WILLIAMS, Emily Labonne, age 61, died January 10, 2008. She was born July 18, 1946. She leaves to cherish her memory, her loving and devoted husband, Clifton; 2 sons, Dwayne and Clifton III (Ywonda); daughter, Theresa (Eric Sr.) and God daughter, Tamika Neason; 2 brothers, Ronald (Pam) Kersey and John B. (Kim) Kersey; 2 sisters, Christine Kersey and Joydene Kersey; 2 brothers-in-law, Chester (Grendal) Williams and Stanley (Roberta) Williams; 7 sisters-in-law, Eunice Sims, Leanna Clark, Mary Burgess, Shirley Gills, Darlene kemp, Delores Kersey and Verda Sissions; 1 aunt, Millie Russell; 1 uncle, Donald Piefer; 16 grandchildren, and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins

and friends who loved her dearly. Those who crossed her path remember her with a smile. Services were held at Penn Funeral Home with Pastor lee Williams officiating. Interment was at Romulus Cemetery, Romulus, MI. Final arrangements were entrusted to Penn Funeral Home.

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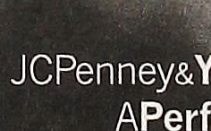
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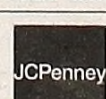
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